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SUBJECT: KUWAIT'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND LONDON
MEETINGS ON YEMEN, AFGHANISTAN

REF: A. STATE 6940

1B. STATE 6355

Classified By: Political Counselor Pete O'Donohue for reasons 1.4 b and d

11. (C) During a January 25 call on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al Sabah, A/S Feltman, accompanied by the Ambassador, acknowledged strong USG concern about increasing insecurity in Yemen and noted USG intentions to increase security and development assistance there, with an emphasis on support for political and developmental dimensions, as well as for security. A/S Feltman said he would participate in the January 27 and 28 session on Yemen and Afghanistan in London (reftels). Dr. Mohammed responded that he would also be present for the London meetings and looked forward to engaging the Secretary on these subjects.

12. (C) Polcouns separately on January 25 delivered ref A and B points to Abdulla Al-Mowed, Counselor in MFA's Department of GCC Affairs. Al-Mowed said he would ensure that the FM's office received the substance of our demarche points prior to his departure for London. Al-Mowed said that, as Kuwait is GCC Chair in 2010, the FM will represent the GCC as a whole in London, not just Kuwait.

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